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MEMORANDUM FOR All Eighth United States Army Assigned Soldiers and Civilians

SUBJECT: Eighth United States Army Command Policy Letter # 14 – Limitation on Exercise of Authority

1. Purpose: To ensure those cases involving officers and sergeants major assigned or attached to the general court-martial jurisdiction of the Commanding General, Eighth United States Army, are disposed of at my level.
2. Background: Rule for Courts-Martial 306(a) permits superior commanders to withhold from subordinate commanders the authority to dispose of offenses in individual cases, types of cases, or generally.
3. Discussion:
  - a. Authority to dispose of cases of misconduct committed by officers and sergeants major assigned or attached to the area general court-martial jurisdiction of the Commanding General, Eighth United States Army, is withheld from all subordinate commanders. This reservation includes the authority to issue reprimands, administer non-judicial punishment under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice, and convene courts-martial.
  - b. Pursuant to this reservation of authority, I direct my subordinate commanders, when misconduct by any officer or sergeant major is alleged, to ensure that a thorough investigation is completed and documented, and that the case is forwarded through the Staff Judge Advocate, Eighth United States Army, to me with chain of command recommendations as to disposition. Once a case is submitted, I will determine whether I will handle it personally or whether I will release jurisdiction to a subordinate commander.
  - c. This policy applies to actions currently under investigation, pending, or contemplated. It will remain in effect until formally rescinded.

  
DAVID P. VALCOURT  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Commanding